

May 29, 2013

The regular Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, in the Auditorium of Columbus Avenue School. Debra Mulé, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were: Ms. Debra Mulé, President
Ms. Vilma Lancaster, Vice President
Mr. Anthony J. Miller, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pomerico, Trustee (arrived 7:53 pm)

Absent were: Mr. Ronald Ellerbe, Trustee

Also present were: Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. James Robinson Executive Director for Business
Mr. Michael Singleton, Executive Director of Operations

Also absent were: Dr. Mary Bediako, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Special Projects & District Clerk

The number of people in the audience at the opening of the meeting was 87.

Appointment of a Clerk Pro Tem

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Miller, James Robinson, Executive Director for Business was appointed Clerk Pro Tem. The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Peggy Miller, Principal of Columbus Avenue School. Ms. Miller introduced two Kindergarten Classes, Room 14 and 17, who, under the direction of their teachers, Mr. Daniel Wittich and Ms. Nicole Rivelli, lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance. The children also gave a short presentation on the symbolism of the Flag and sang "*My Country Tis of Thee.*" The program was enjoyed by all.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kuncham welcomed Mr. Josh Levitt, Student Government Advisor, and members of the Student Government who presented their monthly report. Elizabeth Mulé, Jessica Ramos, Bianca Molina and Oliver Collado gave an overview of the activities at Freeport High School. They then thanked Mr. Levitt and the Board for inviting them to share their news and information from Freeport High School. They informed the Board that due preparation for the Regents exams this meeting will be their final report for this school year. Dr. Kuncham also informed everyone that Mr. Levitt has been chosen as the

Outstanding High School Social Studies Teacher of the year by the Long Island Council for the Social Studies

The Superintendent and the Board President presented the students with pins in recognition of their service to their school and community.

Dr. Kuncham thanked the community for supporting the budget with a 66% yes vote. Special thanks go out to Clergy Leaders for their support of the budget. Congratulations for Michael Pomerico and Anthony J. Miller on their election to the Board of Education.

The Unsung Hero award was presented to Detective Zena Leftenant of the Freeport Police Department. The Superintendent spoke about her strong support and friendship for Freeport Schools and her many years of dedication to the community and children of Freeport. The Superintendent and Board President presented her with a plaque. Detective Leftenant thanked everyone for the recognition.

The Superintendent also made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to Connie Velez upon her appointment as Principal of Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School.
- Congratulations to Danielle Ballard upon her appointment as Assistant Principal.
- Very happy to present the new Facilities Director, Mr. Tom Fucci, a Freeport High School graduate.
- The Rotary Club is honoring Board President Debra Mule, Executive Director Michael Singleton and Physical Education Teacher Joe Chetti.

Amendment to the agenda

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Miller, a resolution was added to the agenda regarding an Administrative Appointment.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Questions from the Public

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for four minutes on the Agenda only. The Board and administration addressed the comments from the public.

Items for Action

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Ellerbe the following items were approved on a Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Acceptance of the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the following meetings as written: April 17, 2013; April 25, 2013; May 8, 2013; May 21, 2013.

Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby grants a request for leave of absence as listed below:

Pedro Burgess, Cleaner, effective April 8, 2013 through July 11, 2013, for health reasons.

Jaclyn Leahy, Speech Teacher, effective April 22, 2013 through June 30, 2013, for health reasons.

Laura Zegers, Elementary Teacher, effective May 21, 2013 through May 28, 2013, for health reasons.

Meghan McCormack-Carney, Elementary Teacher, effective April 17, 2013 through June 2, 2013, for health reasons.

Clarisa Espinal, Clerk-Typist, effective April 26, 2013 through July 7, 2013, for health reasons.

Carrie Frederick-Muchnick, Elementary Teacher, effective April 30, 2013 through June 30, 2013, for health and childcare.

Laila Schmutzler, Registered Nurse, effective May 9, 2013 through June 30, 2013 for health and childcare.

Blanche Garcia, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective May 13, 2013 through June 30, 2013, for FMLA.

Resignation of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter(s) of resignation from the following staff member(s) as listed below:

Kathryn Hoffman, Permanent Substitute, effective April 26, 2013, personal reasons.

Ilana Johnson, part-time Teaching Assistant, effective April 18, 2013, personal reasons.

Samantha Maresca, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective May 3, 2013, to accept a teaching position out of District.

Danielle Ballard, Social Studies Teacher, effective June 30, 2013, to accept another position in the District.

Ryan Stanisfield, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective May 24, 2013, for personal reasons.

Consuelo Velez, Assistant Principal, effective June 30, 2013, to accept another position in the District

Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, effective June 30, 2013, for personal reasons.

Termination of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby terminates the employment of the individual(s) as listed below:

Frank McLean, full-time Security Aide, effective May 14, 2013.

Appointment of Staff - Temporary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Temporary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Danielle Sekesan, Social Studies Teacher, (replacing Jeffrey Glass), a temporary appointment effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. Compensation will be on step 2 of the U4C-3 Schedule at \$61,440. Assignment: FHS.

Donald Moore, Senior Instructor JROTC, (replacing self), a temporary appointment effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Compensation will be on step 25 of the U4D-4 Schedule at \$116,723. Assignment: FHS.

Timothy McShan, Instructor JROTC, (replacing self), a temporary appointment effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Compensation will be on step 19 of the U4C-2 Schedule at \$88,528. Assignment: FHS.

Nicole Pecora, Technology Staff Developer, (replacing self), a temporary appointment effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Compensation will be on step 3 of the U4D-1 Schedule at \$68,651. Assignment: FHS.

Appointment of Instructional Staff - Probationary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints the individuals listed in the attached Appointment of Staff Report - Temporary, in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents. These individuals shall possess appropriate certification allowing them to serve as teachers in the public schools of New York.

Tim Warner, Music Teacher, (replacing Caitlin Donovan, resigned) a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2013 with an expected tenure date of September 1, 2015. Compensation will be on step 2 of schedule U4C-1 at \$55,956. Assignment: FHS.

CSE/CPSE Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the minutes of the meetings of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education for the following dates:

February 8, 15, 21, 22, 26, 28, 2013

March 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 2013

April 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2013

May 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 14, 15, 2013.

Other Items for Action

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller the following item was approved:

Retirement of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following staff member as listed:

Beverly McLean, Food Service Helper, effective August 31, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for 5 years.

Shelia Walsh, Senior Clerk Typist, effective July 30, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 32 years.

Sedigheh Karimi, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 13 years.

Blanche Garcia, full-time Teaching Assistant, effective July 1, 2013, after serving the children of Freeport for more than 41 years.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved:

Abolishment of Teaching Positions and Excessing of Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District abolishes the following positions effective July 1, 2013: Math (3 positions), English (2 positions), Foreign Language (2 positions: 1.4 Spanish and .6 Italian), Art, Guidance (3 positions), Deans of Students (2 positions), Elementary (6 positions); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby excessed from said positions and shall be placed on a preferred eligible list as per Education Law §3013: Marisa Belasco, Susan Lyman, Angela Woodside, Blanca Adames, Carmen Scali, Juliette Mason, Jonneigh Briody, Kristin Fagan, Angela Behr, Dolores Miller, Kati Miano, Kristen Jones-Thom, Kristen Lack, Samantha Liff and Carrie Carrie.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the following item was approved:

Resolution to Abolish Civil Service Positions and Excess Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District abolishes the following Civil Service positions July 1, 2013: Community Aide, Registered Nurse (.5), Clerical (2 positions); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are hereby excessed from said positions: Lorraine Quintanilla, Susan Camille Trenkle,

Jamie Reinke. Pursuant to Civil Service Regulations, Susan Camille Trenkle and Jamie Reinke shall be placed on a preferred eligible list for a period of four (4) years.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller the following item was approved:

Administrative Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints **Consuelo Velez**, to the position of Principal (replacing L. Carter, reassigned), as a probationary employee effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. The tenure area in which **Consuelo Velez** shall serve is "Principal", a district wide tenure area. Compensation will be paid pursuant to step 5A of the Administrators Salary Schedule for MS at \$149,077, set forth in the labor agreement between the Freeport School District and the FSAA. **Consuela Velez** shall be assigned to the Caroline G. Atkinson School.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints **Danielle Ballard**, to the position of Assistant Principal (replacing Laura Holder-Gibbs, resigned), as a probationary employee effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. The tenure area in which **Daniel Ballard** shall serve is "Assistant Principal", a district wide tenure area. Compensation will be paid pursuant to step 1 of the Junior High Salary Schedule at \$119,002, set forth in the labor agreement between the Freeport School District and the FSAA. **Danielle Ballard** shall be assigned to the John W. Dodd Middle School.

The vote was unanimous, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Miller, the following item was approved:

Appointment of an Administrator

Thomas C. Fucci, Director of Facilities, (replacing James Robinson, resigned), a probationary appointment for 26 weeks under Civil Service Law, effective June 17, 2013. Compensation will be \$104,000, plus \$2,980 annual travel allowance. Benefits will be consistent with the Administrators' Unit.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller the following item was approved:

Approval of an Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the agreement between the Freeport Teacher Center and the Freeport Union Free School District in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid through the Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Grant funds for professional development services and technology equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (or his designee) to execute said agreements on its behalf.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved:

Approval of an Overnight Field Trip/International Travel

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to Paris, Barcelona, Madrid and Pamplona from April 11th through April 22st 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety, and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administrative Procedure for overnight, off-Long Island, field trips.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the following item was approved:

Approval of an Overnight Field Trip/International Travel to Waldorf, Germany

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes Freeport High School to conduct a field trip to the city of Waldorf, Germany scheduled for July 9 through July 16, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said authorization is subject to availability of chaperones and to Freeport High School's compliance with all insurance, health, safety, and financial guidelines as indicated in the Administrative Procedure for overnight, off-Long Island, field trips.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller the following item was approved:

Adoption of the 2012-2013 Board Meeting Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby adopts the attached meeting calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. (as attached)

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following motion was approved:

Approval of a Budget Transfer-General Fund – May, 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District here by approves a Budget Transfer within the General Fund for May, 2013.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the following item was approved:

Acceptance of Scholarships

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship, to be known as the “Class of 2012 Scholarship”, in the amount of \$175. This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Senior who has served as a class officer for all four years and is a member of the Honor Society. This scholarship is made possible by the Class of 2012.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship to be known as the “Ernest J. Kight, Jr. Scholar & Citizen Award” in the amount of \$200. This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Senior who has an excellent academic record and has shown a true love for Freeport through various school and community programs. This scholarship is made possible through the friends and family of Mr. Kight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts with gratitude a scholarship to be known as the “Ernest J. Kight, Jr. Scholar/Athlete Award” in the amount of \$200. This scholarship will be awarded to a varsity athlete who has shown scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and sportsmanship throughout his or her high school career. This scholarship is made possible through the friends and family of Mr. Kight.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Ms. Lancaster and a second by Mr. Miller the following item was approved:

Approval of an Amendment to an Employment Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby approves the Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Mr. Michael Singleton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to execute said amendment to the employment agreement on its behalf.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Pomerico the following item was approved:

Acceptance of a Donation – The Center for Family Support

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts a of two 4-drawer filing cabinets and a desk to be used at the Archer Street School used in any way the school deems necessary.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

On a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Ms. Lancaster the following item was approved:

Acceptance of a Donation – Various Organizations – Leo F. Giblyn School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District hereby accepts the generous donations from the various organizations for the Leo F. Giblyn School to be used in any way the school deems necessary.

The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Questions from the Public

The public was given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Each speaker was allowed to address the Board for four minutes on any topic.

Executive Session

At 8:52 p.m. Mr. Pomerico moved to adjourn to executive session for four specific matters of personnel.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lancaster and passed unanimously.

The vote was: Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

At 10:01 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and a second by Mr. Miller the Board returned to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

The vote was; Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Adjournment

At 10:02 p.m., with no other business, on a motion by Mr. Pomerico and seconded by Ms. Lancaster, the Board adjourned the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The vote was; Ellerbe, Lancaster, Miller, Mulé and Pomerico.

Respectfully submitted,

James Robinson,
Clerk Pro Tem